

World Muscle Society – Register of Interests

The Register of Interests has been set up to keep a record of any pecuniary, family or other personal interests Executive Board (Trustees) and Programme Committee members may have, and which may have an association with the workings of the Society.

The main objectives of keeping such a register are to ensure that the principle of good, fair and transparent practice is maintained and to prevent the possibility of a conflict of interests arising.

Members of the Executive Board should act and be perceived to act independently and not be influenced in their role by personal or business interests, and are therefore requested to declare any material and otherwise relevant interests which may or may be perceived as being likely to influence their conduct as Trustees.

A Conflict Of Interest (COI) needs to be declared by any member who applies to be elected to the Executive Board, as a member of the Programme Committee and by any speaker during the annual congress.

What is relevant or can be perceived to be relevant?

1. Clinical trial involvement: **Category 1**
2. Payments received personally by a private company active in the field covered by WMS (SAB, DSMB, consultancy, paid lecture...) **Category 2**
3. Employment by a private profit-oriented company (pharma, tech, investment company...) active in the field covered by WMS: 0%, 0-25%, > 25% **Category 3**
4. Shareholding in a private company active in the field covered by the WMS. The share hold by the person and his immediate relative must be declared. **Category 4**

Speakers must disclose COI from categories 1-4 everything that is relevant within the topic of their talk. For example, a speaker presenting about SMA should disclose his COI with any company involved in SMA, but not with a company involved in Myasthenia.

Members who apply for or renew their WMS membership must disclose category 3. If their employment is more than 25%, they must join the Society as an Industry Member. They can attend the General Assembly but cannot vote or be elected. They cannot be member of the Programme Committee.

Members who register for the Annual Congress must disclose category 3. If their employment is more than 25%, they must register with an Industry ticket.

Members running for election to the Executive Board and/or to be a member of the Programme Committee must disclose before the election categories 2, 3 and 4. They cannot run for election or to be a member of the Programme Committee if they present a COI category 3 with > 25%

Executive Officers cannot have a COI category 4

COI of the Board members and Executive Officers must be updated yearly. If a Board member, Programme Committee member or Executive Officer present or identify a COI that would have prevented them being elected or taking part in the Programme Committee, they will immediately inform the President to begin the process of resignation.

COI Categories

	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3	Category 4
	Clinical trial involvement	Fees personally perceived	Industry employment	Shareholding
			< 25% >25%	
Member	No	No	Must disclose	No
Speaker	If relevant	If relevant	If relevant	If relevant
Executive board	No	Must disclose	Must disclose Not compatible	Must disclose
Program Committee	No	Must disclose	Must disclose Not compatible	Must disclose
Executive officer	No	Must disclose	Not compatible	Not compatible

***The declaration of interests should include any interests held by spouses or dependents. ***

Details of interests as outlined above should be entered on the attached form. The register will be updated annually, in line with the Business Calendar. However, it is the duty of Trustees and Committee Members to declare their interests, or any changes of interest which occur. Any such changes should be made by written declaration to the World Muscle Society Secretariat, no later than one calendar month following such change.

The register of Interests will be maintained by the World Muscle Society Secretariat. The Register shall be open to public inspection on receipt of a written request for such inspection, addressed to the World Muscle Society Secretariat.



World Muscle Society Register of Interests:

(please complete, sign, scan and return to office@worldmusclesociety.org)

Full name of Executive Board/Programme Committee Member:

Date of Election/Appointment:

Entry in Register last updated:

1. Have you or your immediate relative a direct interest (shares, royalties...) in a private company that operates in the field covered by the WMS?
If yes, please specify

2. Are you employed by a private company that operates in the field covered by the WMS? If yes, please specify the % of your time covered by this activity and the name of the company.

3. In the last three years, have you personally received a payment from a company active in the field covered by the WMS (consultancy, paid lecture, DSMB, SAB...)? If yes, please specify the name of the company

Signature:

Date: